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RESULTING COMPOSITIONS



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The Examiner is invited to review these materials to inspect the relevance indicated during international examination with respect to the documents cited therein.

US 6,620,879;

US 4,880,167;

US 4,855,127;  
US 4,471,100;  
US 4,158,726;  
US 2,982,749;  
GB 1482515;  
GB 1329062;  
EP 0 252 463 (a family member of US 4,855,127 and US 4,880,167, listed above);  
EP 0 056 627 (a family member of US 4,471,100, listed above);  
WO 00/47533 (a family member of US 6,620,879, listed above);  
JP 58074552 (accompanied by the Derwent abstract of JP 58074552).

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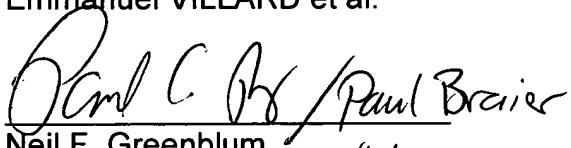
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